

REMARKS

Telephonic Interview Summary

A telephonic interview was held on November 6, 2006. The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the telephonic interview.

The Applicant discussed the distinctions between "the string of path markers" recited in claim 1 and the "ghost car" disclosed in the Project Gotham Racing Manual by Bizarre Creations. The Examiner agreed that the reference did not disclose "the string of path markers" nor "determining a color for a path marker of the string of path markers based upon an elapsed time of a current video game session and an elapsed time associated with the path marker."

The Examiner requested that the Applicant amend the independent claims to more explicitly reflect that the path is *visually* displayed although the limitation of 'displaying' is present in the preamble as well as the actual claim element.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-30 as being anticipated by the Bizarre Creations reference. Per the telephonic interview, the Examiner agreed that the reference does not teach "displaying the graphical path data as a string of path markers" as recited in claim 1. Independent claims 19, 24, and 30 comprise a similar claim element and the Applicant believes that the rejection is overcome for at least the same reasons.

Following the Examiner's request, the Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 19, 24, and 30 to reflect a "visual" string of path markers. The Applicant has further amended independent claims 1, 19, and 30 and dependent claim 25 to reflect that the path marker is "displayed" per the Examiner's suggestion. The Applicant has amended the claims as a courtesy notwithstanding the Applicant's belief that the claim element was already present. In light of the courtesy, the Applicant believes any further action should be non-final in nature.

Notwithstanding the present amendment, the Applicant believes the current amendment does not alter the scope of the claims as originally searched. Thus, the Applicant believes no further search is needed and the application is in condition for allowance.

To maintain consistency with the aforementioned amendments, dependent claims 2-7, 16, 20-21, and 25-26, are also amended. These amendments, too, do not change the scope of the claims whereby a new search or further consideration would be required.

CONCLUSIONS

The Examiner's rejections of independent claims 1, 19, 24 and 30 are overcome in that the cited references fail to teach each and every limitation of the claims.

The references of record fail to disclose, at least, displaying the graphical path data as a visual string of path markers.

As such, the cited art fails to evidence the anticipation of the independent claims and the rejections set forth in the *Office Action* are overcome.

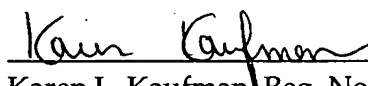
The Applicant respectfully requests the passage of the present application to allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative with any questions concerning this matter.

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